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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION JULY 24 BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON AND LIBYAN CHARGE EL-GAYED. FULL MEMCON BEING AIR POUCHED.

2. ATHERTON SAID HE CALLED IN EL-GAYED BECAUSE USG OWED LARG SOME ANSWERS TO ITS PROPOSALS AND IN ANY CASE WE WANT TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE. U.S. CONTINUES HOPE RELATIONS WILL IMPROVE BUT BASIC PROBLEM OF LARG POLICY TOWARD U.S. AND TOWARD OUR MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS REMAIN SAME AS WHEN MR. SISCO MET WITH EL-GAYED LAST JANUARY. WITHOUT THIS FUNDAMENTAL POLICY DIFFERENCE, OUR BILATERAL PROBLEMS WOULD BE MANAGEABLE.

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3. EL-GAYED CITED LIBYAN ACTIONS TO PROVE GOOD INTENTIONS: LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO; PURSUING CULTURAL COOPERATION BY SENDING INCREASING NUMBERS OF LIBYAN STUDENTS TO U.S.; ENCOURAGING COMMERCIAL COOPERATION; RECENT STATEMENT BY QADHAFI INDICATING DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. LIBYA DISAPPOINTED U.S. HAS NOT RECIPROCATED. EL-GAYED ASSERTED THAT AS LONG AS LIBYA IS NOT REPEAT NOT CONFRONTATION STATE, ITS VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST SHOULD NOT BE OF CONCERN TO US AND U.S. SHOULD NOT BASE ITS POLICIES TOWARD LIBYA ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAID LIBYA SEES THIS AS ATTEMPT BY U.S. TO EXERT PRESSURE ON LIBYA TO CHANGE ITS FOREIGN POLICY TO SERVE U.S. INTERESTS. LIBYA'S POLICY NOT REPEAT NOT AGAINST U.S. BUT AGAINST SOMETHING WHICH AFFECTS LIBYAN NATIONAL INTEREST. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE SIGNS FROM U.S. OF POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD LIBYA AND FIND AREAS WHERE INTERESTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT COINCIDE. LARG WILL BE SHOCKED BY U.S. LACK OF RESPONSE.

4. ATHERTON MADE FIVE POINTS IN REPLY:

A. U.S. WELCOMES CONTINUED ACTIVE RELATIONS IN CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS AS REFLECTED IN MANY LIBYAN STUDENTS IN U.S. AND OUR COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP.

B. U.S. FULLY RECIPROCATES LIBYA'S DESIRE FOR BETTER OFFICIAL RELATIONS.

C. WE DO NOT ASK OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO AGREE WITH ALL OUR POLICIES AS CONDITION OF GOOD RELATIONS.

D. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE BETTER RELATIONS THERE MUST BE FRAMEWORK FOR DIALOGUE. OUR PROBLEM IS NOT REPEAT NOT THAT LIBYA DISAGREES WITH OUR POLICY BUT THAT IT ACTIVELY CRITICIZES, OPPOSES AND SEEKS TO UNDERMINE OUR POLICY AND OPPOSES OTHER COUNTRIES IN MIDDLE EAST WHO ARE COOPERATING WITH U.S.

E. IN OUR SYSTEM, PUBLIC POLICY MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO PUBLIC OPINION AND CONGRESS. WE CANNOT TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES IN ABSENCE OF CONDUCIVE ATMOSPHERE. WHEN WE SEE
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SIGNS FROM LARG OF BETTER ATMOSPHERE PERHAPS WE CAN ADVANCE ON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.

5. IN REPLY TO EL-GAYED'S QUESTION ON HOW HE VIEWS LIBYAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, ATHERTON REPLIED THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE MUCH SUBSTANCE AND THAT BASIS FOR RELATIONSHIP OF SUBSTANCE WILL NOT EXIST AS LONGAS LARG POLICY ACTIVELY OPPOSES AND TRIES TO UNDERMINE U.S. EFFORTS TOWARD

PEACEFUL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. U.S. NOT REPEAT NOT APPLYING PRESSURE ON LIBYA AND DOES NOT WANT TO CONVEY IDEA THAT LIBYA DOES NOT HAVE RIGHT TO PURSUE ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS AS IT SEES THEM. HOWEVER, LIBYAN INTERESTS APPEAR TO BE IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS AS WE PERCEIVE THEM.

6. ASKED IF HE COULD GIVE ASSURANCES THAT C-130'S MIGHT BE RELEASED SOON, ATHERTON REPLIED THAT OUR POSITION ON ISSUE REMAINS UNCHANGED SINCE IT IS PART OF WHOLE PROBLEM. IF THERE IS CHANGE IN GENERAL ATMOSPHERE, IT COULD AFFECT C-130 QUESTION. LOCKHEED WAS WARNED WHEN SALES CONTRACT FIRST DISCUSSED THAT WE COULD NOT ASSURE APPROVAL OF EXPORT LICENSES. WHEN EXPORT OF FIRST EIGHT PLANES APPROVED, SITUATION WAS QUITE DIFFERENT. USG POLICY ON THIS QUESTION MADE AT HIGHEST LEVEL AND NO CHANGE CURRENTLY IN SIGHT. INGERSOLL

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